

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 10/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5,7,13-19,22-27,30 and 34.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David E. Moore, Reg. No. 59,047 on 12/19/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus having a display, comprising:
a photographic device acquiring image information of a user that operated the electronic apparatus;

a first memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing therein parameters which are set by a user authorized to access said electronic apparatus and representing conditions at which said image information is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said electronic apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said electronic apparatus is activated, when said electronic apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said electronic apparatus, wherein an image information acquiring format and writing mode are selected, set and stored in said first memory;

a second memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing image information acquired by said photographing device;

a control unit reading out said parameters from said first memory when a user operates said electronic apparatus, directing acquisition of image information by said photographic device when one or more of said conditions represented by the read parameters are established, and storing, in said second memory, the acquired image information; and

an input unit for designating to display said image information stored in said second memory, by said authorized user, wherein said control unit causes the acquired image information to be read out from said second memory and then displayed on said display in accordance with the received input.

12. (CANCELED).

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium having a program recorded therein readable by a computer to execute:

reading out parameters from a first memory provided in an apparatus having said computer, the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated, when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus;

determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions;

selecting, setting and storing recording timing, a format and a writing mode, for each of the conditions;

acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user that operated said apparatus, when said one or more of said conditions are established;

storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided within said apparatus; and

displaying said image information, read out from said second memory, on a display of said apparatus, when said authorized user designates said computer to display said stored information.

21. (CANCELED).

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method, comprising reading out parameters from a first memory provided within an apparatus, the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated, when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus;

wherein a format and a writing mode, each representing conditions for obtaining image information, are selected, set and stored in said first memory;

determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions;

acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user of said apparatus, when said one or more of said conditions are established;

storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided within said apparatus;

reading out said image information from said second memory, when said authorized user designates the apparatus to display said stored information; and

displaying said read out image information on a display of said apparatus.

29. (CANCELED).

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim ~~29~~²³, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

31. (CANCELED).

32. (CANCELED).

33. (CANCELED).

Conclusion

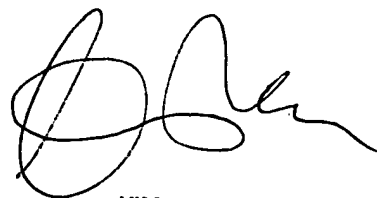
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W. Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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